GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA

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WASTING OF IRON-ORE RESERVES
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether huge reserves of iron-ore are being wasted in the form of fine ore dumps;

(b) if so, the details alongwith the reasons for such wastage, State-wise; and

(c) the steps taken /proposed to be taken by the Government for optimal utilisation of iron-ore and the success achieved in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS AND MINISTRY OF MINES(SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE)

(a) to (c): As per available information Iron Ore Fines are generated as a part of the mining process of iron ore. There is a limited utilization of Fines by domestic steel industry. At present surplus fines generated in mining are being exported. The National Mineral Policy encourages mineral sectoral value addition through latest techniques of beneficiation, calibration,blending,sizing, concentration, pelletisation, purification and general customisation of product.